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Allocation of agenda items to the First Committee

Letter dated 18 September 2006 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-first session, on 13 September 2006, pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/61/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Haya Rashed **Al Khalifa**

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Items allocated to the First Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5]

C. Disarmament

2. Reduction of military budgets [item 82]

3. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe [item 83]

4. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification [item 84]

5. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security [item 85]

6. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament [item 86]

7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East [item 87]

8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons [item 88]

9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space [item 89]

10. General and complete disarmament [item 90]

[The General Assembly decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/61/266), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 81, would be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 90.]

(a) Notification of nuclear tests;

(b) Missiles;

(c) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;

(d) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;

(e) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(f) Disarmament and non-proliferation education;

(g) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(h) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(i) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(j) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(k) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(l) The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation;

(m) Regional disarmament;

(n) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(o) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(p) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(q) Nuclear disarmament;

(r) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

(s) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

(t) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(u) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(v) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(w) Reducing nuclear danger;

(x) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(y) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(z) Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms;

(aa) Transparency in armaments;

(bb) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(cc) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament;

(dd) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

11. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [item 91]:

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(b) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(c) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

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(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(g) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(h) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons.

12. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session [item 92]:

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

13. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East [item 93].

14. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [item 94].

15. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region [item 95].

16. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty [item 96].

17. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [item 97].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

18. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 110].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 110 also to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programme of work.]

19. Programme planning [item 118].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 118 also to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.]

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Programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2006

Programme meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 28 September	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Monday, 2 October, to Monday, 9 October	7
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items[1]	Tuesday, 3 October, at 6 p.m.	
Exchange with the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs and other United Nations officials	Week of 9 October	1
Follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its past session/presentation of reports[2]	Week of 9 October	1
Panel discussion with independent experts[3]	Week of 9 October	1
Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Tuesday, 10 October, to Friday, 20 October	

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Programme meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under agenda items	Wednesday, 11 October, at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Monday, 23 October, to Tuesday, 31 November	

[1] A rolling list of speakers was open one month in advance of the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit the time of their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes, and statements on behalf of groups of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list would give priority to high-level representatives and should be regularly shared with the Committee so as to increase transparency.

[2] Presentation of reports could also take place during the thematic debate.

[3] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

Annex

Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee)

25-29 September	25 Monday		26 Tuesday		27 Wednesday		28 Thursday		29 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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2-6 October	2 Monday		3 Tuesday		4 Wednesday		5 Thursday		6 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	x		x		x		x		x	
9-13 October	9 Monday		10 Tuesday		11 Wednesday		12 Thursday		13 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	x	x	x	x		x		x		x
16-20 October	16 Monday		17 Tuesday		18 Wednesday		19 Thursday		20 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	x		x		x		x		x	
23-27 October	23 Monday		24 Tuesday		25 Wednesday		26 Thursday		27 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
		x				x		x		x
30 October-3 November	30 Monday		31 Tuesday		1 Wednesday		2 Thursday		3 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session.